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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2004. A petition for a two (2) month extension of time is being concurrently filed, making a response due on or before March 7, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.